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FOR CODEL MANSFIELD

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TAGS: OREP (MANSFIELD, MIKE)

SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD

REF: HONG KONG 9278

1. MRS. MARCOS IS IN U.S. AND IS NOT EXPECTED BACK DURING CODEL MANSFIELD VISIT. SHE IS REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE VISIT TO CUBA HAVING JUST VISITED BOLIVIA.

2. HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION ARRANGED FOR POSSIBLE TRIP TO CORREGIDOR. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO WHO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO CORREGIDOR. BECAUSE OF UNCERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS (TROPICAL DEPRESSION MAY AFFECT AREA THIS WEEKEND), IT IS ADVISABLE TO PLAN FOR TRIP IN THE MORNING DEPARTING EMBASSY HELIPAD NO LATER THAN 9:30 A.M. GROUND TRANSPORTATION AT CORREGIDOR MUST BE ARRANGED IN ADVANCE.

3. TRIP TO ZAMBOANGA BY DEFENSE ATTACHE C-47 WOULD ENTAIL SEVEN AND ONE HALF HOURS FLYING TIME ROUND TRIP. ZAMBOANGA AIRFIELD IS NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE PLANE AS BIG AS VC-135. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO RECENT FIGHTING IN THE IMMEDIATE ZAMBOANGA VICINITY, FIGHTING WITH MUSLIM REBELS CONTINUES ON BASILAN ISLAND TO THE SOUTH, IN THE ZAMBOANGA PROVINCES

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IN THE NORTH AND OTHER PARTS OF MINDANAO. FOR THAT REASON,

EMBASSY HAS NORMALLY DISCOURAGED OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO ZAMBOANGA.

4. THIP TO BAGUIO WOULD CONSUME LESS TIME (ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS ROUND TRIP ON DIRECT FLIGHT) AND COULD BE FITTED IN WITH VISIT TO THE BASES. TYPHOON SEASON LIMITS SAFE ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO AND FROM BAGUIO TO MORNING HOURS.

SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES FOLLOW:

(A) TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 - CHOPPER TO SUBIC FOR TOUR, BRIEFING AND LUNCH FOLLOWED BY CHOPPER TO CLARK FOR TOUR AND BRIEFING AND RETURN. THE VISIT CAN PROBABLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BETWEEN 9:00 AND 3:00.

(B) AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 18 - CHOPPER TO CLARK FOR TOUR AND BRIEFING. RETURN TO MANILA ABOUT 5:00 O.M.

AUGUST 19 - CHOPPER OR FLY TO BAGUIO EARLY MORN-
INGN VISIT TOWN AND HAVE EARLY LUNCH BEFORE 1:00 P.M. DE-
PARTURE FOR TOUR AND BRIEFING AT SUBIC AND 5:00 P.M. RETURN
TO MANILA.

(C) AUGUST 19 - CHOPPER TO BAGUIO EARLY MORNING AND
RETURN TO MANILA EARLY FOLLOWING MORNING.

5. WE WILL HOLD OPEN ALL THESE OPTIONS, BUT WOULD WELCOME
ANY EXPRESSION OF PREFERENCES CODEL MAY HAVE PRIOR TO
MANILA ARRIVAL.
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